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*Venice, November* 21. *N. S.*

SIGNIOR Mathei, the Pope's Nuncio, has returned the Viſits paid him by the Nobility and Foreign Miniſters. Our Letters from Lombardy make great Complaints of the Damages ſuſtained by the Inundations occaſioned by the late Rains. They write from Verona, that ſeveral Perſons had been drowned, and that the Digue on the Po, between Borgoforte and San Benedetto, having been broken down through the violence of the Current, a large Extent of Land was thereby laid under Water. Theſe Inundations have much retarded the March of the Imperial Troops towards the Winter Quarters aſſigned them in the Milaneſe, and other Places. Several Commiſſaries are arrived at Modena, in order to ſettle the Quarters for the Pruſſian Troops, that are to remain there this Winter. They write from Rome, that the Differences between that and the Imperial Court were in a fair way of Accommodation, and that the Prince d'Avelino intended ſhortly to appear in Publick, as his Catholick Majeſty's Ambaſſador. Leonard Livri, a famous Banker in that City, has lately abſconded, and ſeveral Perſons who had Effects of great Value in his Hands are like to ſuffer conſiderably by him. His Friends give out, that he hath received great Loſſes, and particularly that he was deeply concerned in the two Genoeſe Ships taken ſometime ſince by the Engliſh, and carried into Port Mahon. The Count de Thaun is perfectly recover'd of his late Indiſpoſition, but continues at Milan, nor is it yet known what time he propoſeth to ſet out for Vienna. They write from Florence, that the Hereditary Prince of Tuſcany continued on the mending hand, ſo that they now no longer doubt of his Recovery.

*Bruſſels, December* 8. *N. S.* The Letters from Spain, which ſhould have come in laſt Night, have failed this Poſt, ſo that we have no certain Advices from thoſe Parts. This want of our Letters gives great ground to ſuſpect the News which the French have publiſh'd concerning what has paſſed in Caſtille. It appears by a Letter from Caſa-Texada of the 16th paſt, that the Duke of Anjou's Army was ſtill there at that time, and that they did not know poſitively when they ſhould March, in order to make an Attempt, or when they ſhould receive any Mony to enable them to ſtir from thoſe Quarters. The Duke of Anjou was treating with the Walloon Officers upon Propoſals for re-eſtabliſhing that Body of Troops which was broken at the Battel of Saragoſſa. They offer to undertake to have their Regiments compleat by the 15th of May next; but their Demands are ſo high, and the Duke is ſo unable to furniſh the Sums requir'd for that Service, that it is ſcarce believ'd that Project can be put in Execution. We have ſtill Advices from France, that the Levying the Tenth Penny meets with ſo many Difficulties, and creates ſuch great Diſorders in that Kingdom, that it will be laid aſide, and that ſome other Fund will be ſubſtituted in its Place. It is talked, that the *Tailles* and the Capitation-Tax will be doubled, which will fall very heavy upon that poor People, who are already reduced to the utmoſt Miſery.

*Hague, December* 9. *N. S.* The States of Holland are to meet on the 11th, when it is expected that they will go through all the particular Points of the Military Eſtabliſhment and State of the War for the next Year, which is now lying before them for their Conſent. It is not doubted but that they will at the ſame time take into their Conſideration the French King's Declaration of the 19th of November, for depriving the Dutch of the Benefit of their Trade with France, and granting them no more Paſsports for the future. This Proceeding of the French has very much incens'd the People here, and it is thought that the States may ſhew their Reſentment, and forbid all Correſpondence by Letters, and all other Commerce whatſoever with the Subjects of France. The great Advantages which the Dutch have drawn from that Trade, to the Prejudice of the French King's Dominions, and the Complaints of particular Perſons, who have been at great Charges for fitting out Privateers, and have taken few or no Prizes, by reaſon of the many Paſsports granted, are the Reaſons pretended by the Court of France for coming to that Reſolution, but it is apprehended that there may be ſome other Artifice at the bottom of it. The Prince of Savoy is preparing to go to Vienna, and intends to ſet out to Morrow in the Evening, or the next Day. The Duke of Marlborough has not yet fixed any time for his Departure. The Yachts, with the Baron de Bothmar and Britiſh General Officers on Board, lye ſtill Wind-bound at Helvoetſluys. The News which the French give us from Spain continue to ſay, that his Catholick Majeſty had withdrawn his Troops intirely from Madrid, and that the Duke of Anjou had retaken Poſſeſſion of it by a Detachment from his Army. Some Letters ſay, that he deſign'd to move his head Quarters the 24th of November to Talavera de la Reina; and others pretend that Advice was come by Expreſs of that Duke's being actually return'd to Madrid; and that he had been received with the Acclamations of the Common People; but other Letters from St. Sebaſtian and thoſe Frontiers, contradict theſe Accounts, and affirm, that King Charles was ſtill at Madrid, and that he was daily fortifying Toledo, Aranjuez, and the other Poſts he has upon the Tagus. Under theſe Uncertainties from ſeveral Parts, we know not well what to rely on, but hope that theſe Reports from France will prove as falſe and groundleſs as others of the like Nature have done before. Eleven large Ships of the Dutch Squadron deſign'd for the Mediterranean are in a readineſs to ſail, and have Orders to put to Sea with the firſt fair Wind after the 11th Inſtant. Two more are alſo equipping with all diligence for the ſame Service, and will follow as ſoon as they can poſſibly be fitted out.

*Yarmouth, December* 1. There continue in our Road divers laden Colliers and Coaſters bound to the Southward, with ſeveral of her Majeſty's Ships.

*Deale, December* 3. Here are her Majeſty's Ships the Boyne, Blenheim, Yarmouth, Reſtoration,